

DANIEL ELLSBERG--RESUME

Education

- Harvard College, 1948-52 (B.A. Economics, summa cum laude, Phi Beta Kappa).
- Woodrow Wilson Fellow, King's College, Cambridge University, 1952-53.
- Society of Fellows, Harvard, 1957-59.
- Ph.D. in Economics, Harvard 1962.

Military Service

Officer, U.S. Marine Corps, 1954-57 (rifle platoon leader, rifle company commander, operations officer).

Major Employment

--RAND Corporation, Santa Monica: strategic analyst, Economics Department, 1958-64, 1967-70.

--Consultant to the Office of Secretary of Defense, State Department and White House on command and control of nuclear weapons and on strategic nuclear war plans, 1961-64; on Vietnam options and lessons, 1967-69. Sole drafter of the Kennedy Administration's policy guidance to the Joint Chiefs of Staff for the annual operational war plans for strategic nuclear war, 1961.

--Special Assistant to the Assistant Secretary of Defense for International Security Affairs John T. McNaughton, 1964-65 (GS-18: highest Civil Service "super-grade," civilian equivalent of Lt. General), working primarily on Vietnam policy.

--Senior Liason Officer under Maj. Gen. Edward Lansdale (Ret.), State Department (FSR-1, State Department equivalent of GS-18), U.S. Embassy, South Vietnam, 1965-66.

--Special Assistant to Deputy Ambassador William Porter, U.S. Embassy, South Vietnam, 1967, evaluating pacification (including field observation of combat operations).

--Senior Research Associate, Center for International Studies, M.I.T., 1970-72.

--Stanford University, Undergraduate Course, "Nuclear Weapons and U.S. Foreign Policy," Spring 1979.

--Distinguished Lecturer, Erik H. and Joan M. Erikson Center, Cambridge Hospital Department of Psychiatry, Harvard Medical School, 1983-84, seminar on "The Readiness to Threaten or Carry Out Massacre: Some Psychological Aspects of U.S. Nuclear Policy."

--Regents' Lecturer, University of California at Irvine, Winter Quarter, 1983-84, "Nuclear Weapons and Foreign Policy.

--Since 1975, lecturer, writer and active participant--including over sixty arrests for non-violent civil disobedience, along with countless teach-ins, demonstrations, organizing efforts, expert testimony and media interviews--in the movement to lower the risks of nuclear war, end and reverse the nuclear arms race and to abolish nuclear weapons; also, opposing unconstitutional or wrongful U.S. military interventions.

--Organizer, participant and fund-raiser: Continental Walk for Peace and Social Justice, 1976; Mobilization for Survival, 1977; Rocky Flats Truth Force, 1978. Strategy Task Force of the National Campaign for a Bilateral Nuclear Weapons Freeze, early '80's; Board of Directors, SANE-Freeze.

--Research and Writing Fellowship, John D. and Catherine T. MacArthur Foundation, 1987. Subsequent grants for research and writing, and for activism, related to ending the nuclear weapons era, from the Winston Foundation, W. Alton Jones Foundation, and various other foundations and private donors.

--Director, Manhattan Project II, at Physicians for Social Responsibility, Washington, D.C., 1992-95.

Honors and Awards

--Indicted by the U.S. Department of Justice and tried in Federal District Court in Los Angeles on 12 felony counts, facing a possible prison sentence of 115 years, 1971-73, for copying and releasing to the Senate Foreign Relations Committee and then to the New York Times, the Washington Post and 15 other newspapers (despite federal attempts at injunctions) the Pentagon Papers, a 4000-page, 43-volume Top Secret history of U.S. decision-making in Vietnam, 1945-68. All charges dismissed on May 11, 1973, by the federal judge on grounds of a pattern of gross governmental misconduct against me, including criminal violations which led to the conviction of a number of top Nixon Administration officials and which were major elements in the impeachment proceedings against President Nixon which led to his resignation.

(Those later arrested for the break-in to the Watergate offices of the Democratic National Committee had originally been hired by the White House to "neutralize" me, which led them, among other things, to burglarize the office of my former psychoanalyst seeking information with which to blackmail me into silence about Nixon's Vietnam policy of secret threats of escalation, and later, just before the Watergate operation, to seek to "incapacitate me totally" while I was speaking against the war on the steps of the U.S. Capitol. Concealing these crimes ordered from the Oval Office was the primary motivation for President Nixon to participate in a criminal cover-up and obstruction of justice during "Watergate.")

--Over sixty arrests, with 30-40 trials, for non-violent direct actions during the last twenty years, protesting and resisting U.S. policy on nuclear testing, the development of nuclear weapons, and interventions in Central America and the Gulf War. These included five arrests at the Rocky Flats Nuclear Weapons Production Facility (I was a principal organizer of the Rocky Flats Truth Force, 1978-79), five or six at the Nevada Test Site (including the first direct action at the Test Site since the '50's, in 1981, and a back-country action with Greenpeace to Ground Zero, delaying the Mighty Oak Test in 1986 which threatened to end the Soviet testing moratorium), four at Livermore Nuclear Weapons Development Lab, and several at the White House protesting U.S. offensive action in the Gulf War.

--Pi Sigma Alpha Award, American Political Science Association, 1971, for best paper presented at 1970 Annual Meetings, "Escalating in a Quagmire" (included in my book, Papers on the War, Simon and Schuster, 1972).

--Freedom of Speech Award, Americans for Democratic Action, 1972.

--American Peace Award, Business Executives Move for Peace, 1971.

--Tom Paine Award, National Emergency Civil Liberties Union, 1971.

--With Andrei Sakharov, the 1973 Eleanor Roosevelt Peace Award, SANE, 1974.

--Gandhi Peace Award, 1976.

--1st Annual Woody Guthrie Humanitarian Award, Southern California Alliance for Survival, 1982.

--With Sen. Hatfield, the George Kennan Peace Award, New Jersey Peace Action, 1994.

--Peace Award, San Francisco Physicians for Social Responsibility, 1995.

Latest publication: "Manhattan Project II: Abolishing Nuclear Weapons," in Critical Mass: Voices for a Nuclear-Free Future, Westfield, New Jersey, March 1996

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References:

1) David Hartsough, 721 Shrader St., SF, Cal. 94117; 415-751-5708. I worked on many direct action campaigns with David when he was Direct Action Coordinator for AFSC, San Francisco.

2) Jackie Cabasso, Director, Western States Legal Foundation, 1440 Broadway, Oakland; 510-839-5877; h 510-547-6956. Direct actions at Livermore, campaigns against nuclear testing and for nuclear abolition.

3) Randy Kehler, 273 Shelburne Line Road, Colrain, Mass. 01340; 413-624-8858. Perhaps the major personal influence on me in giving the Pentagon Papers, when he was head of SF War Resisters League; later worked closely with him when he was National Coordinator of the Freeze Campaign.

Residency date preferences

1st Choice: Summer, session II, June 29-July 27 (4 weeks)

2d choice: Summer, June 1-June 28 (4 weeks).